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BOROUGH OF EYE
Annual Report of the Medical
Officer of Health for the
Year ending 31st. December 1955.

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Bureau of Health for the

Year ending December 31, 1907.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

as to the

Sanitary Conditions of the Eye Borough

for the Year 1955.

The Mayor and Members of the Council of the Borough of Eye.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1955.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area	4410 acres.
Population (Registrar General's Mid-year estimate).	1640.
Number of inhabited houses.	577.
Rateable Value.	£9213.
Product of Penny Rate.	£36. 9. 2.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate births.	4	15	19
Illegitimate births.	-	2	2
Crude Birth Rate per 1000 population.		12.8	
Comparability factor.		1.26	
Standardised Birth Rate.		16.13	
Birth Rate (England & Wales).		15.0	
<u>Still Births.</u> Legitimate.	1 Male.	1 Female.	
Illegitimate		Nil	
Stillbirth Rate (per 1000 total live and stillbirths).		8.7	
Stillbirth Rate (England and Wales).		23.1.	
<u>Deaths of Infants under one year.</u>			
Legitimate.		1 male.	
Illegitimate.		Nil	
Infant Mortality Rate		0.61.	
Infant Mortality Rate (England & Wales)		24.9.	

VITAL STATISTICS (Contd)

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks.

Legitimate.	1 male.
Illegitimate.	Nil.

DEATHS.

<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
14.	15.	29.
	17.68.	
	0.57	
	10.08	
	11.7	

Crude Death Rate per 1000 population.
Comparability Factor.
Standardised Death Rate.
Death Rate (England & Wales)

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach.	1	1
Breast.	-	2
Other Malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	2	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	2	4
Coronary Disease, Angina.	3	-
Hypertension with heart disease.	-	3
Other Heart disease.	-	1
Other circulatory disease.	1	1
Pneumonia.	1	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.	1	-
Other defined and ill defined diseases.	3	1
	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year 5 cases of Measles, 3 cases of Scarlet Fever and one case of Puerperal Pyrexia were notified by General Practitioners.

TUBERCULOSIS.

At the beginning of the year there were 4 cases of Pulmonary and 4 cases of non-pulmonary Tuberculosis, making a total of 8 on the Register. During the year 3 cases recovered and one case died. At the end of the year 4 cases remained on the Register comprising 2 cases of Pulmonary and 2 cases of non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

MASS X RAY SURVEY. For the first time in the history of the Borough the Mass X Ray Unit visited Eye. During its stay 841 people were X Rayed (486 men and 355 women). This was a most satisfactory response.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The County Medical Officer has kindly supplied the following figures for the year 1955.

Number of children receiving primary injections -	12.
,, ,, ,, Booster doses	1.

MILK.

One sample of milk was taken for examination. No Tubercle Bacilli or Brucella Organisms were found.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

One elderly woman who was living alone and who had become bedridden was removed to Hospital under the provisions of this Act.

FOOD POISONING.

No cases of Food Poisoning were reported during the year.

I am,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant.

K. M. HARDING. M.D., D.P.H.
Medical Officer of Health.

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31st. DECEMBER 1955.

HOUSING.

The Council's Housing Programme is slowed up almost to a standstill through the prevailing financial position caused by the policy of the Ministry with respect to subsidies. 18 houses were completed during the year and no fresh ones put in hand.

Private building is also at a standstill, the only house commenced being the farm cottage in Brome Avenue.

REPAIRS UNDER THE HOUSING & PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

It was not found necessary to take statutory action in order to effect any repairs carried out during the year under review, all necessary repairs being carried out after informal action.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

The three wheeled vehicle adapted and used by the Council for Refuse Collection is functioning very well. The collection is undertaken expeditiously and no fault has been found with personnel and no complaints have been received.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTIONS.

There are no slaughterhouses in the Council's District. Inspection in shops and on delivery is carried out as required. Canned foods are dealt with as occasion arises.

MILK.

The distribution of milk is practically all in bottles as received from the Milk Depots. One or two complaints were received of inability to keep milk over night from souring, but this was in the hot weather, when standing and transport to the Dairies was at its greatest difficulty, and when home storage without refrigerators was not at its best.

SEWERAGE.

The new percolating filter has been working well and no nuisance has arisen therefrom. The retention of effluent in the ditch was dealt with by clearing out and diverting, which allows a better flow. Trouble was experienced with the disposal of humus by hand pumping, and a new power pump was purchased. No trouble has arisen since.

WATER SUPPLY.

Routine sampling has been carried out and all reports on examination of samples were very satisfactory. Repairs to the pump were necessary, and the intercommunicating link with Hartismere Rural District Council proved most beneficial by permitting a supply to be maintained during breakdown. Hartismere R.D.C. continues to take water in bulk, the amount supplied during the year under review being 10,666,000 gallons.

I am,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

H.AUSTIN REEVE,
Sanitary Inspector.

